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In re Application of:

Matthias Seufert

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Also enclosed is a copy of a Search Report from the German Patent Office for the priority German application. The Search Report cites a non-English reference categorized as an A for the priority German application. The relevance of EPO752237 is noted in the background section of the application filed herewith.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
A1	4,287,422	09/01/1981	Kuphal et al.		
A2	4,547,092	10/15/1985	Vetter et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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A3	WO 95/16396	22.08.1994	PCT		Yes
A4	DE 195 21 060 A1	12.12.1996	Germany		No
A5	EP0752237B1	28.09.1995	EPO		Yes

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
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